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TO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

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SUBJ: SPOKANE EXPO '74

REF: WELLINGTON 3041

1. DESPITE RECEIVING INFORMATION AND ADVICE REFTEL, COLE VISITED NEW ZEALAND. AS RESULT STORM DAMAGE AFFECTING EMBASSY COMMUNICATIONS WE ONLY AWARE HIS PENDING ARRIVAL SHORTLY PRIOR EXPECTED ETA WELLINGTON.

2. EMBASSY IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPTED SECURE APPOINTMENT AT MINISTERIAL LEVEL. OUR EFFORT REOPEN SUBJECT GLACIALLY RECEIVED BY OFFICIALS CONTACTED WHO REITERATED DECISION NOT MADE PARTICIPATE MADE HIGHEST LEVEL AND SUBJECT CLOSED.

3. BAD WEATHER OVER WELLINGTON REQUIRED LAST MINUTE DIVERSION COLE'S AIRCRAFT AUCKLAND. WE ABLE REACH COLE BY PHONE AND BRIEF HIM RESULT OUR EFFORTS. ADVISED HIM THAT SENIOR OFFICIAL GNZ DEPARTMENT TRADE AND INDUSTRY WHO FULLY COGNIZANT DISCUSSION LEADING TO DECISION NOT PARTICIPATE EXPO '74 TEMPORARILY AUCKLAND AND THAT COLE MIGHT WISH APPROACH HIM FOR DISCUSSION.

4. COLE DID NOT APPROACH THIS OFFICIAL BUT UNBEKNOWNST TO EMBASSY DEPARTED FOR WELLINGTON BY AUTO, ARRIVING HERE LATE AFTERNOON FRIDAY, 23RD. COMMERCIAL UNCLASSIFIED

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ATTACHE DISCUSSED DEVELOPMENTS BY PHONE THAT

AFTERNOON AND IN PERSON FOLLOWING MORNING. ASSURED
COLE THAT EMBASSY ACTIVELY PROMOTED EXPO '74 AND
REGRETTED GNZ DECISION NOT PARTICIPATE BUT THAT
DECISION SEEMED IRREVOCABLE. AGREED TO PURSUE MATTER
FURTHER IF SUITABLE OPPORTUNITY AROSE BUT ADDED THAT
WE NOT AT ALL OPTIMISTIC ABOUT CHANCES.

5. EMBASSY EXPERIENCE BOTH THIS PARTICULAR INSTANCE
AND IN GENERAL INDICATES THAT GNZ DECISIONS AT THIS
LEVEL MADE ONLY AFTER MATURE DELIBERATION. CONSEQUENTLY
EMBASSY RECOMMENDATIONS NOT LIGHTLY MADE WHEN BASED ON
SUCH DECISIONS. EFFORTS PERSUADE GNZ REVERSE POSTION CAN
EASILY BECOME COUNTERPRODUCTIVE.

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